

## GULFSTREAM ANALYSIS

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**BEST BET: Chapin Beach (11th race)**

**First Race: 1. Tintim Por Tintim 2. Polished 3. Amen and Amen**

TINTIM POR TINTIM broke from a very tough post in an outstanding field, was hung wide around the turn in his 2yo bow over the Keeneland poly. A race which produced five next out winners. Has trained forwardly for his return here this winter. Will have his hands full with the very talented POLISHED who broke slow, rallied wide off a speed favoring strip to be second best behind promising Santana Six in the faster division of a split MSW mile on Feb. 21. AMEN AND AMEN no match for Polished but did run well adding blinkers for new connections off the claim. Might handle the others.

**Second Race: 1. Convocation 2. Single Malt 3. Baryshnikov**

CONVOCATION did well to finish second following a slow start when well backed for his debut, chasing home only well meant speedster Chef. Stretches out, adds blinkers, may stand some catching if away with the others. SINGLE MALT has rallied willingly in two previous starts. No match for Just A Coincidence, paired up 78 Beyers at second asking and likely to move forward off the effort. Just A C. flattered the effort when returning to beat N1X opposition earlier this week. BARYSHNIKOV back to the main off what looked like a much needed 3yo bow on grass. Already roved meddle at this distance in his 2yo finale.

**Third Race: 1. Bobcat Brody 2. Poachers Moon 3. Regal Officer**

BOBCAT BRODY overcame an unlucky start, exploded to win his N2L condition making first start since transferring to Plesa barn. Might handle the hike, stretch out in his current form. POACHERS MOON could be a sleeper switching to conventional dirt for only the second time in his career especially noting that huge half mile gate move here on 2/27. Owns a win at the distance. Might take advantage of relatively pacesetter, trying to steal one if running back to that a.m. drill. REGAL OFFICER has won only 2 of 49 starts but eligible to run late for a minor share.

**Fourth Race: 1. Skyebay 2. Frolic On Home 3. Duke of Hazard**

SKYEBAY flashed improvement in his local bow, rallying to finish less than a length out of second money when ndropped for this tag on 2/27. Repeat of that performance might be good enough against same kind today. FROLIC ON HOME the one to beat turning back to seven furlongs after taking lead on the final turn, fading to third behind even money Hit A Homer earlier in the session. DUKE OF HAZARD debuts off a steady string of CRC works. Wouldn't have to be much at this level.

**Fifth Race: 1. Bobby B. Goode 2. Compliance Officer 3. Holy Poppi**

BOBBY B. GOODE better than the looks of his last running line when showing early speed against a fast bunch in key Captain Rio dance before fading late after checking several times from tight quarters during the early stages. Worked a sub 1:00 five furlongs at Palm Meadows 10 days earlier and handled the Turfway artificial surface well enough in his 2yo finale to suggest he'll relish the switch to grass. COMPLIANCE OFFICER got into an early duel with stablemate Galligan Road through a swift early pace, faded badly when debuting on the main here opening day, the latter running a 94 Beyer a couple of starts down the road. Working well for his return and he is a half to one previous grass winner. HOLY POPPI a \$225K purchase with plenty of miles under his belt in preparation for his debut. Must overcome tough post at the distance over local sod.

**Sixth Race: 1. Serenity Girl 2. No Speed Limit 3. Black Russian**

SERENITY GIRL has raced against the grain of a track bias in both previous local starts, setting pace on closers track on 1/28 before sitting back too far off the leaders over a speed favoring strip three weeks later. Might be able to reverse recent setback at hands of logical choice NO SPEED LIMIT with the right trip. The latter strictly the one to beat in her current form. Made two moves, edged clear of similar on 2/21 although stretching out a furlong further than she's ever been to date. BLACK RUSSIAN overmatched while perhaps not taking to the artificial track at OBS. Back to more suitable spot and not she was good enough to wear down preferred choice when pair met earlier in session. Lone caveat the fact she does not show a published work in the four weeks since her last start.

**Seventh Race: 1. Adari 2. Maccarib Pass 3. Cheeks Malone**

ADARI gets a little class relief dropping into starter allowance company off a couple of nice stakes tries. Made a pretty good run around the final turn before fanning extremely wide and flattening out in the Hallandale Beach. Should get some help up front with Another Success, Ghost Story, Built to Precision and perhaps Show me the Cash all expected to flash some early foot. MACCARIB PASS an impressive debut winner from far back but failed to repeat the performance when well backed against \$40K starters in his next start. Seeing further improvement here and another who would benefit from a hot pace. CHEEKS MALONE comes off his best yet and like the top two at his best from off the pace.

**Eighth Race: 1. Dubai Affair 2. Trusting Heart 3. Book Says Yes**

DUBAI AFFAIR turned in a promising debut, overcoming a slow start to easily be second best behind a well meant rival who couldn't have tripped out any better. Expecting even further improvement especially if he can leave with the field this time around. Taken to handle the jump with a clean beginning. TRUSTING HEART no match for runaway Pletcher winner when stretching to a mile two weeks earlier and likely to benefit from the outing turning back to seven furlongs. BOOK SAYS YES Continues to improve. Overlooked at the windows in each of his last pair but won't be overlooked here.

**Ninth Race: 1. Stormalory 2. Duke of Homberg 3. Lime Rickey**

STORMALORY may offer a little value in this wide open stakes. Rallied from well back to overtake loose on the lead Florentino who came right back to win the same condition in his next start. Could have a big future on grass. DUKE OF HOMBERG another who continues to improve and hard to fault off his win in the Hallandale Beach. LIME RICKEY second best in the Hallandale despite some traffic issues on the far turn. Gets six pound break in weights from the Duke in the rematch.

**Tenth Race: 1. Bribon 2. Cool Coal Man 3. Smooth Air**

BRIBON an accomplished miler who has run some huge races when on top of his game. Toss the Hal's Hope when trainer said he got a little too rank after breaking from tough post and his record includes a pair of runaway mile wins and a near miss in the Grade 1 Cigar Mile. Should trip out nicely off what figures to be an honest enough pace. COOL COAL MAN comes off his best yet and undefeated over the local strip. Key questions are whether he'll move forward off regress off that big try and how he handles tough inside post out of the mile chute. SMOOTH AIR exits much needed try on turf and training superbly for return to seen of his second place finish in the Fla. Derby. Unproven at a one turn mile but another who could benefit from a contentious pace scenario.

**Eleventh Race: 1. Chapin Beach 2. Dr. Smarty Jack 3. Reb**

CHAPIN BEACH, the day's best, returns to what figures to be his most productive surface being a full brother to G1 turf winner Sand Springs. Could not quite overcome tough post, unlucky trip when third after making a nice run, racing a bit greenly through the stretch in his bow. DR. SMARTY JACK turned in promising career debut behind loose on the lead winner and eligible to move forward with that one under his belt. REB another who figures to improve after finishing behind preferred choice at first asking. Superbly bred for the going by Stormy Atlantic out of a Kingmambo mare.